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Kirk Nicholes
Alton Coal Development, LLC
463 North 100 West, Suite 1
Cedar City, Utah 84720

Subject: Change to Year 1 Mining Sequence, Alton Coal Development, LLC, Coal Hollow, C/025/0005, Task ID #3990

Dear Mr. Nicholes:

The Division has reviewed the Dwg. 5-10 that was included in the change of mining sequence amendment submitted on December 19, 2011. While the mining sequence complies with R645-301-553, there are inconsistencies with the timing shown on the drawing.

In accordance with R645-301-521.162 and R645-301-121.100, please correct the year of mining and associated color, to reflect on the ground conditions for the remainder of the permit term. You may want to show incremental areas of mining rather than years of mining so that production can speed up or slow down without having to adjust the drawing.

The Division has determined that there are some deficiencies that must be addressed before a determination can be made that the requirements of the R645 Coal Mining Rules have been met, and an approval can be granted.

The plans as submitted are denied. Please resubmit the entire application.

Sincerely,

Daron Haddock
Coal Program Manager

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cc: Price Field Office
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